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OBJECTIVE: Our objective is to elucidate search algorithms used by benthic marine animals (mantis shrimp) when finding an odorant source in wave-influenced coastal flow versus in unidirectional flow. Such search rules (relating behaviors to the instantaneous plume environment near sensors) can be implemented in artificial systems operating in coastal environments.

APPROACH: We videotaped stomatopod behavior when finding odorant sources in waves versus unidirectional flow in a flume while simultaneously using planar laser-induced fluorescence (PLF) to quantify the instantaneous concentration structure of the odor plume around the antennules when the animals execute specific behaviors. Our flume flow conditions were based on our measurements of water flow in stomatopod habitats, and the odorant concentrations used were based on our y-maze experiments of stomatopod plume-tracing.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: We determined the fine spatial and temporal scale of concentration fluctuations at which stomatopod antennules encounter odor plumes by using PLF and high-speed, high-magnification video of antennules on a stationary body as they flicked in waves versus in unidirectional flow in the Stanford flume (Koseff's group used our field velocity measurements to design relevant flow in their flume). We conducted a series of y-maze experiments to quantify the concentrations of odorant to use in our flume behavior experiments. We then used PLF to quantify the instantaneous plume concentration distributions at antennules during behavior experiments when the animals searched for a momentumless odor source in the flume in waves versus unidirectional flow. We simultaneously recorded stomatopod behavior (locomotory speed, orientation, location and frequency of antennule flicking) while searching for plumes, relocating lost plumes (plumes meander), odor tracking within plumes, and locating the source when very near to it (when the odor is in the viscous sublayer). We found that odor plumes in both waves and in unidirectional flow are composed of fine filaments of high concentration interspersed with patches of clean water, and that stomatopods sample the water around them in a pulsatile way by flicking their olfactory antennules. When stomatopods encounter odor filaments with their antennules while plume tracking, the filaments are more numerous, have a higher odor molecule concentration, and are wider in wave-affected flow than in unidirectional flow. In both wavy and in unidirectional flows, animals use the same plume-locating and plume-tracing algorithms: 1) move perpendicular to the flow direction until odor filaments are encountered, and then turn upstream; 2) move back and forth across the plume, heading upstream at an angle of approximately 45 degrees to the flow direction ("casting" behavior), narrow the cast as closer to the source (where the plume gets narrower), and 3)

sample the water with olfactory sensors held high until near the benthic source (where the plume height is small); then sample with sensors close to the substratum.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** We are quantifying search algorithms used by benthic marine animals when finding an odor source in the oscillatory flow of waves as well as in unidirectional currents. Although animals and automated plume-tracing devices using water-borne chemical cues to locate objects in shallow coastal sites must find odorant sources in waves, plume-tracking studies before ours focused on unidirectional flow. By quantifying the instantaneous plume environment around the olfactory antennules of the animals while simultaneously measuring the behaviors that they execute, we are elucidating search rules that can be implemented in artificial systems designed to operate in coastal environments. The search algorithms we are working out for marine organisms finding odor sources in wave-driven flow, which is typical of shallow marine environments, should be useful in developing search algorithms for man-made vehicles and robots searching for odor sources in coastal areas. In addition, the information we are gathering about how the hydrodynamic design and deployment of olfactory antennules affects the spatial and temporal scales of odorant capture should provide valuable information for the design of man-made olfactory sensors.

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*Awards and Honors, 1998 - 2002:*

Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar, 1998-1999  
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President, Western Society of Naturalists, 1999  
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Borelli Award, American Society of Biomechanics 2002 (for  
"outstanding career accomplishment" and "exemplary  
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*Honoric Lectures, 1998 - 2002:*

Plenary Lecturer, Oceanographic Society & IOC Meeting, Paris, 1998  
Keynote Speaker, Engineering Found'n International Symposium, 1998  
Weise Lecturer, Dauphin Island Marine Laboratory, 1999  
Keynote Lecturer, Symposium in Nonlinear Biology, 1999  
Illg Memorial Lecturer, Friday Harbor Laboratories, 1999  
Ian Morris Scholar, Horn Point Laboratory, University of Maryland  
Distinguished Speaker, International Workshop on Biofluidynamics  
in Memory of Sir James Lighthill, Israel  
Keynote Speaker, Plant Biomechanics Conference, Germany, 2001  
Plenary Lecturer, Aquatic Sciences Meeting, 2001  
Laura Schweppe Lecture, Marine Science Institute, Univ. Texas, 2002

*Recognition in the Media and Popular Press, 1998 - 2002:*

Koehl research featured in BBC science documentary in the series  
"Biology: Uniformity and Diversity"  
Research Kate Loudon and I did on the fluid dynamics moth  
antennae was featured in "Editor's Choice" in *Science*  
Research on how olfactory antennules capture odor signals from  
turbulent currents that I did with J. Koseff was featured on  
television (Canadian Discover, Tech TV), radio (PBS "Todd Mundt

Show"; CBC "Quirks and Quarks"), and in many newspaper (e.g. New York Times) and magazine articles (e.g. Natural History)

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Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, U.C. Berkeley, 1999

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Dwight Davis Award, Soc. Integrative & Comparative Biology, 1999

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Matthew McHenry (graduate student):

Best Student Paper Award, Soc.Integr.& Comp.Biology, 2000, 1998

Adrian Wenner Strong Inference Award, Soc.Integr.& Comp.Biology, 2000

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Kimberly Quillin (graduate student):

Best Student Paper Award, Soc. Integrative & Comparative Biology, 1998

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11. Stacey, M., K. S. Mead, and M. A. R. Koehl (2002) Molecule capture by olfactory antennules: Mantis shrimp. *J. Math. Biol.* **44**: 1-30.
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Mead (Postdoctoral Scholar): (Due to page limit, only abstracts published in journals are listed and no "in prep." papers are listed.)

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